

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN HALL
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

A regular meeting of Oxford Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 pm. Mayor Stewart presided with Councilors Kay, Patriquin, Ellis, Adshade, Thompson and Jones in attendance.

Town Council Meeting – Called to order by Mayor Stewart – 6:00 pm

Presentation – Alfred King – He presented the Town of Oxford with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Poppy Campaign. Also, he presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Brenton Colborne, as he was absent from the meeting, it was asked by Council if he could come present this Certificate of Appreciation to Brenton at his retirement party in May 2016.

Approval of the agenda – It was moved by Councilor Thompson, seconded by Councilor Patriquin that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of the previous meeting - It was moved by Councilor Adshade, seconded by Councilor Jones that the minutes from the meeting held Monday, January 18, 2016 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Reports

All Director Reports and Councilor Reports were distributed and/or discussed.

Public Works – The salt budget is better this year, compared to last year’s budget. The Salt Hopper is very well received, this has been a great investment. The installation of the new water meters is going well. We are planning a function for Brenton as he is retiring May 26, 2016. It has been noted to be sure to invite the past co-workers and Council as well as the current. It was mentioned to possibly host this at the Oxford Lion’s Centre and ask the Parkview to cater.

Arena – Minor Hockey Bookings is almost double from last year bookings. We are projecting a possible \$37,000 - \$39,000 revenue this year. It was mentioned that when birthday parties are being held in the Teen Room, there has been a few items missing and also a mess for Dawn to clean up. This will be brought to Brian’s attention.

Recreation – March Break Activities will be advertised in our community calendar, the online community calendar and also our website.

Fire – Council really liked the way Tory presented his report by noting how many calls were for the County and how many for the Town of Oxford. These numbers will be very helpful for renegotiation time.

Finance – A general discussion on the report that was enclosed in the Council package.

Councilors' verbal reports that were presented:

- **Councilor Ellis** – attended the YMCA Board Meeting, and also attended the Library Board Meeting. The River Philip bridge is now all welded together and now just need to move it. She is hoping that the bridge will be set in place by Friday. She is planning on a community event for when they are ready to plank the bridge. With this bridge installed it will put a 5 km trail around Oxford. Soon they will be working on Phase Two (the tunnel)
- **Councilor Adshade** – working with Councilor Ellis to get the bridge installed.
- **Councilor Patriquin** – he mentioned that there were a few members missing from the last meeting for the CJSMA Board meeting in January. With the theatre, the heat pumps are now installed and the shows at the Capital continue to go strong.

- **Councilor Thompson** – continuing to work on the Refugee Project – just heard back from the Rotary. There will be a meeting on Monday. She attended a CNTA meeting. She is also currently working on the Volunteer Awards Banquet and needs to submit the entries by Friday, February 19, 2016. Dawn also attended a Strawberry Run Meeting.
- **Councilor Kay** – attended the Solid Waste meeting and also the LA Animal Shelter meeting.
- **Councilor Jones** – nothing to report
- **Mayor Stewart** – She has been coordinating the Family Services Sessions all over Cumberland County for the Habitat Project. They are expecting to build two more homes this year. Everything is going very well there. She has asked Council to submit entries for the various categories regarding the Volunteer Awards to her or Councilor Thompson. These entries need to be submitted by Friday.

It was moved Councilor Ellis, seconded Councilor Thompson that all reports be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Nil

New Business

8.1 – CJSMA Budget 2016/17 – Councilor Patriquin commented that the revenues are up this year. He also noted that the CJSMA Board had approved the budget.

It was moved Councilor Adshade, seconded Councilor Patriquin the Town of Oxford accepts the budget for the CJSMA 2016/17 as it is presented.

Motion Carried

8.2 – Temporary Borrowing Resolution – this is to help fund the cost of our water meters. We have sent a request to the province to borrow up to 180,000.00. This would give us the authority to borrow as needed.

It was moved Councilor Jones, seconded Councilor Kay that the Town of Oxford adopts the resolution as it is written.

Motion Carried

8.3 – Second Reading – Exotic Animal By Law

It was moved Councilor Adshade, seconded Councilor Jones to accept the second reading of the Exotic Animal By Law.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilor Jones moved Adjournment

Motion Carried

Trish Stewart
Mayor

Darrell White
CAO